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REMARKS

Claims 29-50 are pending in the present Application. In the Office Action, the Examiner considered the application to contain claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I as drawn to an electrical tomographic method,

Species II as drawn to an electrical tomographic apparatus and;

Species III as drawn to an electrical tomographic apparatus;

The Examiner requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement. If the Examiner makes the restriction requirement final, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute on the merits, the claims of Species I as drawn to an electrical tomographic method. The claims of Species I are, namely, claims 29-46. Applicants request that the remaining claims, claims 47-50 be withdrawn from consideration without prejudice. Applicants submit that should any generic claims be finally held allowable, then the species of the withdrawn claims will be considered as allowable as well.

If it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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